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MINISTERS MEETING IN TEHRAN, MAY 14, 1977

DIESTINGUISHED DELEGATES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS A SPECIAL
PLEASURE FOR ME TO BRING TO YOU GREETINGS AND WARM WISHES FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER. I WANT IN PARTICULAR TO EXPRESS THE PRESIDENT'S
DEEP APPRECIATION, AS WELL AS MINE AND THAT OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, TO HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY AND
HIS GOVERNMENT FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US DURING
OUR VISIT TO TEHRAN.

THE U.S. ASSOCIATION WITH THE MEMBER STATES OF CENTO IS IMPORTANT
TO OUR NATION AND TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION, AS IT WAS
TO OUR PREDECESSORS. PERSONALLY, I LOOK FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION
TO OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY. OUR RELATIONS WITH EACH OF THE CENTO
GOVERNMENTS ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. WE VALUE HIGHLY YOUR
VIEWS AND YOUR COUNSEL. OUR TRADITIONAL TIES OF COOPERATION HAVE
BENEFITED ALL OUR COUNTRIES AND, WE BELIEVE, HAVE POSITIVELY
CONTRIBUTED TO THE STABILITY AND TO THE SECURITY OF THE CENTO REG-
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ION.

BOTH NOW AND LATER IN OUR DELIBERATIONS TODAY I SHALL SHARE OUR
PERCEPTION FROM WASHINGTON ON THE STATE OF THE WORLD AND THE
PURSUIT OF PEACE.

THERE ARE SOME WORLD AND REGIONAL ISSUES I WOULD PARTICULARLY

LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT IN THESE OPENING REMARKS.

THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS ON THE FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA OF OUR COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT A MEANINGFUL BEGINNING BE MADE THIS YEAR TOWARD A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. TO THAT END, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE LATTER PART OF 1977. WE ARE ALSO CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS TO BE WELL PREPARED, SINCE FAILURE AT GENEVA WOULD BRING WITH IT SERIOUS RISKS OF FUTURE HOSTILITIES.

OUR INTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE KEY MIDDLE EAST LEADERS HAVE GIVEN US SOME HOPE FOR PROGRESS. IN THESE CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE SEEKING TO CLARIFY THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES AND TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE BASIC ISSUES THAT MUST BE RESOLVED IN THE FINAL SETTLEMENT: NAMELY, THE NATURE OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES; THE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL HELP MAKE RECOGNIZED BORDERS SECURE BORDERS; AND A SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THESE ARE COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT ISSUES. GIVEN THE LEGACY OF ALMOST THREE DECADES OF HOSTILITY, SUSPICION AND FRUSTRATION, WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE OBSTACLES WHICH MUST BE OVERCOME. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS TODAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST A WILL FOR PEACE AND A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE GRIM ALTERNATIVES. IF ALL CONCERNED KEEP THE IMAGE OF THESE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE
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THEM, WE BELIEVE THAT REASON MAY PREVAIL AND THAT NECESSARY COMPROMISES ON ALL SIDES CAN BE FOUND. IT SHOULD NOT BE BEYONE THE IMAGINATION OF STATESMEN TO DEVISE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL MEET THE CONCERNS OF ALL STATES AND PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THEIR SECURITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND FOR THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLE.

WITH RESPECT TO ANOTHER REGIONAL AREA, THAT OF CYPRUS, OUR DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF TURKEY HAS ALREADY COMMENTED UPON THAT ISSUE AND I WOULD MERELY NOTE THAT WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE MATTERS IN THAT AREA WITH GREAT INTEREST AND ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

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ANOTHER AREA OF GREAT INTEREST TO ALL OF US AS DAVID OWEN HAS UNDERScoreD, IS AFRICA. RECENT EVENTS THERE HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS IN THE MINDS OF ALL THOSE WHO FAVOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THAT GREAT CONTINENT. MY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CERTAIN PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA.

IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND OUR ALLIES, WE HAVE WORKED FOR THE EARLY RESOLUTION OF THOSE PROBLEMS PREVENTING INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND IN MANIBIA. WE HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AS DAVID OWEN HAS POINTED OUT A JOINT EFFORT WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PEACEFUL TRANSITION IN RHODESIA. WE HAVE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A SPECIAL DELEGATION OF FIVE NATIONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE AND A PROCESS BY WHICH MANIBIAN INDEPENDENCE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN THESE AREAS AND IN OTHER TROUBLE SPOTS, SUCH AS ZAIRE AND THE HORN OF AFRICA, MY GOVERNMENT HAS OPERATED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY IN AN AFRICAN

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CONTEXT AND IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE AFRICAN NATIONS THEMSELVES. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF FORCE BY EXTERNAL POWERS TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN AFRICA.

IN A LARGE CONTEXT, THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT IS DEVELOPING AMONG

NATIONS. BUT WE KNOW THAT PEACEFUL PROGRESS MUST BE PROTECTED THROUGH ADEQUATE DEFENSE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO WORK WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN STRATEGIC WEAPONS. BUT WE SHALL NOT IN THE PROCESS NEGLECT OUR EXISTING ALLIANCES AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES WILL WORK FOR THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AND FOR THE GOALS OF FREEDOM, SELF-GOVERNMENT, HUMAN DIGNITY, AND MUTUAL TOLERATION. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT OUR FOREIGN POLICY SHALL REFLECT OUR TRADITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AND, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS, WE ARE DIRECTING OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EFFORTS TO THOSE ENDS.

WE ARE WILLING TO SHARE THE BENEFITS OF OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH WITH OTHERS, AS PRESIDENT CARTER MADE PLAIN IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE RESOLUTION OF GLOBAL PROBELMS IN THE AREAS OF FOOD, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TRADE. WHETHER AT THE UNITED NATIONS, THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION OR ELSEWHERE, OUR HOPE IS TO WORK WITH OTHER NATIONS IN PRACTICAL WAYS FOR REAL SOLUTIONS UNENCUMBERED BY DIFFERING IDOLOGICAL VIEWS.

WE EXPECT OUR BILATERAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO EXCEED \$7 BILLION THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ASKED OUR CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE:

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INCREASES TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; AND,

TO CONTRIBUTE VERY SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS TO THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL AND LENDING INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

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THE UNITED STATES NOW PROVIDES FOR TARIFF-FREE ENTRY INTO THE AMERICAN MARKET OF MANY PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THE SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WE HAVE DECIDED UPON OTHER PROPOSALS SUCH AS A COMMON FUND TO FINANCE BUFFER STOCKS AS PART OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL ACTION FUND, AND TO INCREASE OUR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

THE GOAL OF PHYSICAL WELL-BEING FOR PEOPLE IN ALL COUNTRIES IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF JUSTICE IN THE BROADER SENSE. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE OBSERVANCE OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS RECOGNIZED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS. ENCOURAGING THESE RIGHTS IS CENTRAL TO OUR POLICY, AND THERE IS A VERY PRACTICAL ASPECT TO IT. EACH COUNTRY'S GROWTH, PROSPERITY, AND STABILITY SOONER OR LATER DEPEND UPON ITS ABILITY TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS OF ITS PEOPLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THE SUCCESS OF NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN MASTERING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF RESOURCE LIMITS, POPULATION GROWTH, AND ENVIRONMENT WILL INEVITABLY LEAD AND BE LINKED TO OUR SUCCESS IN PROMOTING UNCLASSIFIED

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INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY.

WE HAVE ALL LEARNED THERE CAN BE LITTLE SECURITY AGAINST INTERNAL DANGERS WITHOUT STRENGTH AT HOME FOUNDED UPON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL JUSTICE. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT ARMAMENTS CAN PLACE CRUSHING FINANCIAL BURDENS UPON US -- BURDENS THAT CAN LESSEN OR PREVENT THE APPLICATION OF RESOURCES TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN AGREE THAT OUR COMMON AIM IS TO LIGHTEN THIS BURDEN THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF TENSION AND CONFLICT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. BUT WE SHALL NOT RELAX OUR GUARD UNLESS

CONDITIONS PERMIT US TO DO SO.

WE WILL WORK WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES, THOSE OF YOU PRSSENT
TODAY, TOWARD OUR COMMON SECURITY, AS WELL AS FOR THE RESPECT
AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG OUR PEOPLES WHICH ARE SO BAISC TO OUR
MUTUAL COOPERATION.

THANK YOU.

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